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For : ZIRCONIUM-BASED ALLOY AND METHOD FOR
MAKING A COMPONENT FOR NUCLEAR FUEL
ASSEMBLY WITH SAME
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

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Kindly amend the above-captioned application before examination, as
set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification
(including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is
respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be
entered to replace the Specification of record.

IN THE CLAIMS:

On the first page of the claims, first line, please add
--WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1 to 7 in the underlying PCT
application.

Please add the following new claims: